



WOMANKIND

Feminine Taste and Skill in Home Planning a New Field of Labor.

In an attractively decorated and seemingly comfortable suite of rooms in one of the popular apartment houses in Buffalo a young woman recently surveyed her possessions that had just been moved in, says the Buffalo Express. A friend sat near her, and together they planned the disposal of the chairs, tables, pictures and bric-a-brac with which the rooms were littered. The rooms had apparently all the requisites for comfort. There were a mantel and grate, gas and electric light fixtures, good windows, a closet as large as are usually allowed in such houses, a tiled bathroom, with porcelain tub and a box of a bedroom. A man, or the uninitiated, would say there was nothing more that reason could desire. Not so the women who were calculating the possibilities of the rooms.

"Where will you put the dressing table so that it will be useful by daylight and gaslight?" asked the friend skilled in arranging furniture. The possessor of the suite shook her head. The idea was impossible, for the window was at one end of the room and the gas jet at the other, on neither side was there a space between doors or fireplace large enough for the dressing table to stand so as to be in a good light both by day and night.

"It is the way with the majority of houses that are built for speculation," said one of the women. "Men design and plan them without a thought other than that they may have an attractive appearance in order to rent quickly. A woman's first thought would be 'is such a room liveable?' and liveable invariably means convenience and comfort."

Generally when a woman inspects a house or a room, she imagines herself arranging the furniture in the different rooms and living in them. In fancy she locates the dressing table in the most convenient place for it, if the window and gas lights are not properly placed so as to make dressing her hair a comfortable process either at morning or night the room is condemned at once. If there is not sufficient clear wall space for the bed to stand against without blocking a door or window or shutting off a mantel, it is a difficult matter to reconcile her to it at all.

Houses that have been wholly or partially planned by women show a marked improvement over the ordinary dwelling, particularly in the kitchen, pantries and other workrooms. No man can have a practical knowledge of the requirements of a well-appointed kitchen, unless he is a cook or a butler.

There are many other points about a home that, when considered, add to its pleasure and, if neglected, make it a continual source of annoyance. Women ought to know best what those points are, and for that, if no other reason, it is argued ought to study the architects' profession more generally. It would give a new field of labor, and be useful knowledge, though she used it only for her own benefit and comfort.

Bicycle Gowns For 1900.

Bicycle costumes show a tendency to rather picturesque effects, but the tendency is one that, like that of the low-cut gown, requires to be carefully thought over before following. A smart bicycle gown is made of dark red linen and, while effective, can scarcely be termed suitable for the purpose for which it was designed. The jacket has a new sleeve and a turned-back cuff with the under-sleeve of muslin, the trimming of the gown being bands of a darker red with machine-stitching. The quite high and flaring collar opens over a waistcoat of fine white tuckered muslin. Not so picturesque, but on many accounts smarter, is a gown of beige linen whose four narrow box-pleats in the back are stitched down to give the effect almost of a habit skirt. With this is a short jacket in Eton shape, but made without a high collar, and fastened with four smoke pearl buttons. A yoke, or rather, a bloused front is of tuckered white muslin, and there is no trimming on the gown except the rows of machine-stitching which are always necessary in every well-appointed bicycle or golf suit.—Harper's Bazar.

Golf Tournament Teas.

At our golf teas, for instance, every Saturday men are a very conspicuous feature. The teas follow the handicap tournaments, of which one of a series is played each week—men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed singles and doubles, the handicaps being changed after every series as the players improve or—perhaps—play worse. A big table is spread under the awning of the clubhouse veranda, and although a matron is responsible for the entertainment, we girls take turns in aiding her. On the table is a centerpiece of flowers—usually wild flowers—small dishes of cakes, sandwiches—the most popular being those filled with grape-fruit marmalade, which has so entirely cast the good old orange marmalade into the shade—candies, and tall pitchers of different cool beverages. The appointments for making hot tea are at one end of the table, buticed tea—into which we put a little raspberry vinegar to improve the taste—is much more popular. So is the mixture of ginger ale and sarsaparilla; lemon and orangeade, with strawberries and pieces of pineapple floating on it.—Anna Wentworth, in the Woman's Home Companion.

Buckles From France.

It is a case of "Buckle, buckle, who has not got a buckle?" in these days of wonderful metal work. Recent arrivals from France have brought home with them some exquisite examples of the new art in silversmithy, and so wondrously tinted are the metals employed in the making of the intricate designs that are the fashion of the day that the colors and lustre of precious stones are not needed to enhance their beauty. Heads of Roman emperors, of Della Robbia saints, of Grecian goddesses, of Dutch burghers and of modern French nymphs and fairies are favorite ornaments for these beautiful belt clasps. Flowers and foliage with buds and berries wrought in relief or in dull jewels, such as pearls, coral, turquoise or moonstones, are also among the most admired marvels.

The Touch of Black.

Very attractive, as well as simple and cheap, is a fine lawn in baby blue, with splashy white figures which are not too assertive, owing to the pale tint of the blue. Cut with numerous gores, the skirt had each and every seam outlined with white beading, through which was run black baby ribbon. This outlining ended six inches short of the foot of the skirt, the black ribbon being finished off with a bunchy, tassel-like bow of the ribbon. A narrow ruffled edge of the circular flounce which fell from beneath.

The same, many-gored effect was carried out in the bodice and sleeves, the outlinings being in the ribbon-run beading.

Tips For Women Travelers.

In starting away it is important to think of the small things. The big ones take care of themselves. We simply never forget that nice new dress, any more than we do that fresh creation from the milliner. But the paper or case of pins, the extra hairpins, and, indeed, the thousand and one little nothings that may fairly make or mar the whole trip; ah! those are the rascally little annoyances which we too often forget. Even if we are able to replenish our stores we too often find the resort shop so woefully lacking a real assortment as it is "steep" in price. They take this way of getting even with us for buying nothing but "notions."

A Cream For the Complexion.

This cold cream is splendid to keep the complexion in good condition, and should be well rubbed in at night, and then rubbed still more with a piece of soft white flannel: Pure white wax, one-fourth of an ounce; oil of sweet almonds, two and one-half ounces; rosewater, one and one-half ounces. Put the first three ingredients into an earthen dish and melt slowly; then add the rosewater and beat it well with a silver fork or an egg beater. A pinch of borax dissolved in the rosewater is an improvement. Pour into little covered ointment pots.

The Snowflake Fichu.

A useful fichu which can be worn with any frock this season is of fine dotted point d'esprit in white net. The dots look like snowflakes, and go by that name. The fichu is made in two lengths, one which knots out the breast with ends of medium length reaching to the waist, the other is considerably longer, is knotted near the waist line, and the ends fall behind almost to the knees, unless the loops are pulled well out.

A Gorgette For a Young Girl.

A pretty new idea for a necklace this season is the gorgette or dog collar of tulle, an airy creation suitable for the warm days. A turquoise blue or rose pink length of tulle is shirred, gathered or otherwise disposed upon a foundation band no broader than a dog collar would be. This is fitted to the throat.



FRILLS FASHION

Wide collars and revers of batiste and lace grow in favor.

Shirring is seen everywhere, and there will be more of it as the season advances.

Simplicity in gowns is the cry for the future, while the most elaborate ones are to be seen.

The Directoire coat is appearing in lace as well as in silks and satins, and it is always effective.

There is little doubt that the sleeves of the next season will be full, as the many designs in puffed sleeves now in evidence indicate.

A woman who is particular about her lingerie has all her nightdresses made at home and carefully fitted. She says she is as uncomfortable in a loose nightdress as in a poorly fitting frock.

The earliest brides of the season had the high corselets to their gowns made of different kinds and colors of flowered ribbons, and pretty girls have been using them off and on ever since, and there is still nothing prettier with thin frocks.

Some of the chiffon ties have gayly flowered ends. The flowers are made of an additional layer of chiffon applied on with brilliant colors of silk, which make gorgeously effective posies. Both fine net and chiffon are dotted with black and have black embroidered ends.

Foulards were never so pretty as they are this season. The colors are so well blended, and the designs so softly indefinite, that the effect is usually very artistic. But sometimes it is completely spoiled by the donning of a hat or toque that does not "go." Even gloves of a jarring color have it in their power to destroy the harmony of a lovely and a costly costume.

CUTTING THE MAHOGANY TREES.

Experienced Woodsmen Alone Can Find Suitable Timber For Market.

The mahogany hunter is the most important and best-paid laborer in the service, for upon his skill and activity largely depends the success of the season. Mahogany trees do not grow in clusters, but are scattered promiscuously through the forests and hidden in a dense growth of underbrush, vines and creepers, and it requires an experienced and skillful woodman to find them, says a writer in Self-Culture. No progress can be made in a tropical forest without the aid of a machete, for the way must be cut step by step. The mahogany is one of the largest and tallest of trees, and the hunter, seeking the highest ground, climbs to the top of the tallest tree and surveys the surrounding country. His practiced eye soon detects the mahogany by its peculiar foliage and he counts the trees within the range of his vision, notes the directions and distances and then descending cuts a narrow trail to each tree, which he carefully blazes and marks, especially if there be a rival hunter in the vicinity. The axmen follow the hunter, and after them come the sawyers and hewers.

To fell a large mahogany tree is one day's task for two men. On account of the wide spurs which project from the trunk at the base scaffolds must be erected, and the tree cut off above the spurs, which leaves a stump from ten to fifteen feet in height—a sheer waste of the very best part of the tree, and one which American ingenuity would certainly devise some means to prevent. While the work of felling and hewing is in progress other gangs are busy making roads and bridges over which the logs may be hauled to the river. One wide "truck pass," as it is called, is made through the centre of the district occupied by the works, and branch roads are opened from this main avenue to each tree. The trucks employed are clumsy and antiquated affairs, which no American would think of using. The axles and boxes are imported from England, while the other parts are made upon the ground. The wheels are of solid wood, made by sawing off the ends of a log, and fitting iron boxes in the centre, no spokes or tires being used. New wheels are in constant requisition, and repairs cause frequent and expensive delays.

Most of the tracking is done at night by torchlights of pitch pine. The oxen are fed on the leaves and twigs of the breadnut tree, which gives them more strength and power of endurance than any other obtainable food. The trucking being done in the dry season, the logs are collected on the bank of the river and made ready for the floods. On the longest rivers these, begin in June and July, and on others in October and November. The logs are turned adrift and when they reach tide water are caught by means of booms. Indian loggers, usually Caribs, follow the logs down the river in order to release those which are caught by obstacles. No little judgment and experience is required to determine at what exact stages of the flood the logs should be set adrift. "Should the water rise to what is called 'spigallant flood' before the logs reach the boom many of them would be carried over the banks and left high and dry in cane breaks and thickets or covered up by sand and rubbish. From the boom the logs are rafted to the embarkadero and "manufactured" for shipment.

Two Notable Sieges.

In the old wars the besieged had little chance for life or honor if they failed. So they had a stronger motive for resistance. Let us hope that the horrors of Badajoz and Drogheda are obsolete; though we can never be sure that the tiger and ape in human nature are conquered. Of all sieges, that of Londonderry is the most exciting, partly, perhaps, because the story is told by so admirable a narrator as Macaulay. The siege lasted only half as long as that of little Mafeking, but the garrison was much larger—7000 fighting men—and was far worse provisioned. The melancholy humor of the situation lay in the fact that an English provisioning fleet was actually in sight and that the boom might have been forced, as the result showed, by resolute men at any moment. The first ships that tried to pass did pass, and apparently might have passed whenever they chose. I wonder if the besieged found, like a friend of mine in Ladysmith, that their internal machinery, for lack of practice, could not for long cope with ordinary food. There is a true tale of one of the Ladysmith garrison who came into a large fortune during the league; but the only luxury he could buy with his new wealth was a pound or two of canary seed. The soldier-servant of a friend of mine was blown to pieces early one morning by a shell. He lived long enough to tell my friend that he was so glad that he had first got his breakfast ready.—Andrew Lang, in Longman's.

Artesian Wells of Algeria.

The artesian wells of Eastern Algeria have reconciled tribes whom military terrorism failed to pacify. The first appearance of the rock drill machinery merely provoked their banter, but when unfauling fountains of cold water burst forth and filled tanks and refrigeration canals their jibes turned to silence and finally to grunts of approval. Now they are besieging the tents of the Government engineers, begging them to try their luck here and there, and promising their political support in case an aquatic treasure trove should restore the productivity of their parched-out fields.

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The project of perpetuating in granite and marble the plaster of paris Dewey arch in New York is said to have fallen flat. The subscriptions have come in so slowly that the New Yorkers appear to have lost interest in the project. This was a New York enterprise.

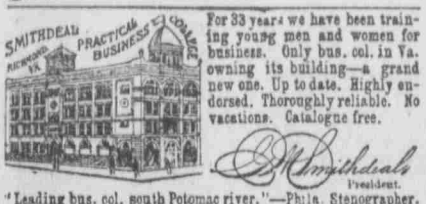
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